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19. [REDACTED] LAISON Telephoned John W. Nields, Jr., Special Counsel, House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, to inform him that we had agreed to go ahead with the interview of [REDACTED] without someone from the DDO being present but that this might not necessarily be the case in the future. I said that I had no strong feelings in the matter and asked why the Committee preferred that the interviewee be alone with the interviewers. Mr. Nields said this was a very simple matter, in that Committee staffers had found, in interviewing other persons, that they were more inclined to be more forthcoming and informative if there were no "monitor" present. I suggested that in our cases the interviewee might be made more cooperative by the presence of a colleague from the DDO, who could attest to what he or she had said, and Mr. Nields said that perhaps this is a valid point. I agreed to take the matter up with appropriate CIA elements and advise Mr. Nields as to our position in the future.

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20. [REDACTED] THIRD AGENCY Received a telephone call from [REDACTED] NSA, who asked which staffers of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct have been granted compartmented clearances. ✓ Having done a review of all of the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct clearances as recently as the day before, this information was readily available.

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While I had [REDACTED] on the telephone I informed him that we had completed negotiations on a Community Memorandum of Understanding with the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on International Operations, but, that, before we implement the Memorandum of Understanding, we intend to address a memorandum to the Secretary of Defense, requesting the latter's view on the DCI's role in Memoranda of Understanding which are written for the Intelligence Community. [REDACTED] said he appreciated the advance notice and would do what he could to see that we get an early reply, admitting that this is very little indeed.

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21. [REDACTED] LIAISON I called John W. Nields, Jr., Chief Counsel, House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, to ask him to clarify for me one paragraph of his letter of 17 November. We agreed on the procedure to be used in revealing to the Committee the identities of former CIA chiefs of station [REDACTED] branch chiefs, and DDO division chiefs.

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